

(Big Meadows)

Praterville Plumas Co., Cal.

Sept 17, 1878

Dear Friend, Dr. Gray,

Your Postal  
is received. Our good friend  
Canby had given me the same  
name to the plant, which you  
give, & told me "It was a rare  
find"; and also desired more  
specimens. I did not find  
it this summer in collecting,  
and our home now, is fifty  
miles from where I found  
it last year.

I think I have some speci-  
mens left from last year, but  
they are still in the boxes, with  
many other plants, as I packed  
them nearly a year ago.

And as I am going to make  
the ascent of Mt. Lassen the  
last of this week, cannot look  
them over, till after my return.  
I have some other specimens  
that I have been saving for  
you, & hope to add more on  
the coming excursion.

I was disappointed that I did  
not get to see you & Sir Joseph  
D. Hooker, when you were in  
Cal. I had laid by a good  
many specimens for you both.

I made a trip to Fern Dell,  
where *Darlingtonia* grows, in  
August, & took a few hurried  
notes, which I copy for you,  
trusting they may be interest-  
ing to you.

Hooker wrote me after  
his return home, & sent me

his  
"Address, delivered before the Roy-  
al Society, I was pleased with  
the portion referring to "The Big  
Trees";

Your Lecture of Apr. 18. '78 was  
handed me this morning.  
Thanks! Shall read it with  
interest.

I have had no word from  
Mr. Lemmon, since the burning  
of "The Dio Lewis Bubble." He  
was then bound for Yosemite.

I secured leaves of the three  
willows sent to Mr. Watson, in  
the first pkg, sent this year.  
I also sent some to Mr. Bebb,  
& will send Mr. W. some, with  
aments also, when I send your  
Grows.

Yours very truly  
R. M. Austin